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May 23, 2008

By Fax

Hon. John G. Koeltl United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Room 1030 New York, New York 10007 APPLICATION GRANTED
SO ORDERED

John G. Koeltl, U.S.D.J.

Re:

Elaine Johnson v. Astruc

07 Civ. 9294 (JGK)

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, the defendant in this action. We write respectfully to request, with the consent of plaintiff's counsel, an adjournment of the Court's briefing schedule.

Plaintiff has filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings and, under the current schedule, the Government's cross-motion for judgment is due today, May 23, 2008. This Office has been in consultation with Social Security Administration personnel regarding an issue raised in plaintiff's brief for which we require additional information. We have asked the Social Security Administration to provide us with an answer to our concerns, which could result in a change in defendant's litigation position in this action. In view of the foregoing, we respectfully request an adjournment of the briefing schedule. Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Court's scheduling order be amended as follows:

Defendant will move on or before June 24, 2008

Plaintiff will serve a reply, if any, on or before July 8, 2008.

Defendant will serve a reply, if any, on or before July 22, 2008.

One previous request for an adjournment of the briefing schedule was granted by the Court.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

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